

The question recurred on the passage of the resolution on its second reading.

Mr. Hanner moved to amend by providing that the \$1,500 per annum, for the Assistant Geologist, shall come out of the regular annual appropriation for the Geological Survey.

On motion of Mr. Norment, the whole matter was laid on the table.

H. B. No. 926, S. B. No. 915: A bill to prevent fraud in the sale of public property, was taken up, passed its several readings, and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

S. B. No. 692, H. B. No. 761: A bill to amend section 1, chapter 59, laws of 1873-'74, was taken up, passed its several readings, and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

S. B. No. 618, H. B. No. 919: A bill in relation to the counties of Burke and McDowell, was taken up, and passed its second reading.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill came up on its third reading, and was laid on the table.

S. B. No. 823, H. B. No. 824: A bill to change the time of holding the elections in this State in the year 1876, was taken up.

The committee amendments were adopted, and the bill passed its several readings, and was ordered to be sent to the Senate for concurrence in the House amendments.

By Mr. Tate: A resolution in regard to the commissioners of the Western Insane Asylum. The rules were suspended, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. McRae made the following statement, and requested that it be entered on the Journal:

"Some days since a resolution was adopted raising a Joint Select Committee to enquire whether the Public Treasurer has received interest on deposits, with the usual powers to said committee. Messrs. Richardson, Bennett and I were appointed as the House Branch, and, as chairman, on the next day, I applied for the resolution, but it could not be found. I enquired